

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Bath County, Virginia

JANUARY 1968 — AMENDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1973

BATH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

areas, by act of the General Assembly of Virginia provided in Chapter 28, Article 8, Section 15.1-1 through 15.1-498, Code of Virginia and amendments thereto, the governing body of any county may ordinance, divide the territory under its jurisdiction into districts of such number, shape and area as it may deem best suited to carry out the purposes of this article, and in each district it may regulate, regulate, permit, prohibit, and determine the following:

the use of land, buildings, structures and other structures for agricultural, commercial, industrial, residential, flood plane and other specific uses; the size, height, area, bulk, location, erection, reconstruction, alteration, repair, maintenance, razing, or removal of structures;

the areas and dimensions of land, water, and air to be occupied by buildings, structures and uses, yards, and other open spaces to be left vacant by uses and structures, including variations in the use of lots based on whether the

2-1-11 Off-street parking as required by this ordinance.

2-1-12 Accessory uses as defined

2-1-13 Business signs up to six (6) square feet, only to advertise the sale or rent of the premises upon which erected.

2-1-14 Church bulletin boards and identification signs.

2-1-15 Directional signs up to two (2) square feet.

2-1-16 Home occupation signs up to two (2) square feet.

2-1-17 Location signs up to forty (40) square feet unlighted.

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3-1-16 Home occupations.

3-1-17 Mobile home park in accordance with additional use permit and provisions contained in the County trailer ordinance.

3-1-18 Public utility generating, booster or substations, transformer substations, transmission towers, pipes, meters and other facilities for the vision and maintenance of public utilities, railroads and facilities, and water and sewerage plants.

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3-1-20 Accessory uses as defined, however, porches, and stoops, attached to the main building.

Carries on Monterey's Main Street.

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Also, Lowman challenged McMullen's eligibility to serve on the board of supervisors because of a possible conflict of interest arising out of McMullen's association with Home Oil, Co., Inc., which supplies fuel to the county.

But McMullen, who was appointed by Circuit Judge-designate Harold Sinclair in June to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John M. Trimble

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He was a member of Union Chapel United Methodist Church near Hightown, Va.

Surviving besides his mother are his wife, Mrs. Inez Farmer Grogg; three sisters, Mrs. Juanita Wofford of Harman, and Mrs. Betty Waggy and Mrs. Trudy Cooper, both of Franklin, and three brothers, Emory Grogg of Franklin and William Grogg and Blair Thompson, both of Harrisonburg.

The funeral was held Wednesday at 2 p.m. from the Church of God of Prophecy by the Rev. Glen Adkins. Burial was in Union Chapel Cemetery.

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and who is serving in this capacity until after the Nov. 6 special election to determine a permanent successor, said he would like to see proof of any conflict on his part. He said he abstains from any discussion and decision on transactions between the county and Home Oil.

The ordinance, which becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, would divide the county into five districts - agricultural limited, agricultural general, residential, business and industrial. More than 90 per cent of the county's area would be placed into agricultural districts, with the residential, business and industrial districts mainly in the Warm Springs Valley and in the vicinity of Millboro and Millboro Springs.

It would also establish a board of zoning appeals which would consider appeals of rezoning decisions made by the board of supervisors.

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The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. from Hamilton Chapel Advent Christian Church by the Rev. Bradford Burial will be in the cemetery.

The pallbearers will be Ceba W. and Calvin Kincaid, Lowmy and Tommy Terry. Children and friends and family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. at Funeral Home, Mc-

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Cleek, however, didn't see things that way. "We're elected to make the decisions he said, adding that "if we postpone this again, we can be here Judgment Day and we'll still be arguing about it."

Lowman's motion received a prompt second by Hall, who said, "I don't think the board knows enough about zoning to enforce it."

McMullen then called for the question, and the motion was defeated 2-3, with Hall and Lowman voting for it and Cleek, May and McMullen opposing.

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By the edge of the field, the men are standing in a line. The man on the right is holding a long wooden staff or pole. The background shows a grassy field and some structures.

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Vepco Project Outlined

WAYNESBORO - Plans for a \$499-million hydroelectric dam facility in Bath County were outlined here Monday night for the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission.

The proposed Vepco pumped storage facility is being designed to meet peak power needs and provide an emergency power supply, explained Vepco engineer Burton Marshall.

Vepco selected the proposed site on Back Creek 30 miles southwest of Monterey after local opposition and engineering problems forced the abandonment of the original Marble Valley site, he said.

The Bath County plant as proposed would be a dual dam unit with 2,100-megawatt capability, believed by its designers to be the largest facility of its kind in the U. S.

The dams would be located on Back Creek near the hamlet of Sunrise at the northwestern corner of Bath County. Transmission lines would run from the facility to connection points at the Lexington substation to the south and the Valley substation in northern Augusta County.

Marshall said 15 permanent residents would be forced to relocate for construction of the facility. A work force of 1,500 would create a temporary impact on schools, housing and public services, he added.

Vepco has estimated that \$3.8 million would be added to Bath County revenue annually if the facility is built. No revenue estimates were given for Highland, Rockbridge, Augusta or Rockingham, the other localities served by the plant.

Marshall, using detailed maps, told commissioners the proposed plant and transmission lines have been carefully designed to eliminate significant environmental impact.



A TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY HUNTING PARTY in the Hidden Valley area of Bath County poses with its trophies for the photographer in this old picture provided by M. G. O'Farrell

of Mountain Grove. The party's success is underscored by the fact that deer were not nearly so plentiful in the early part of this century as they are today.